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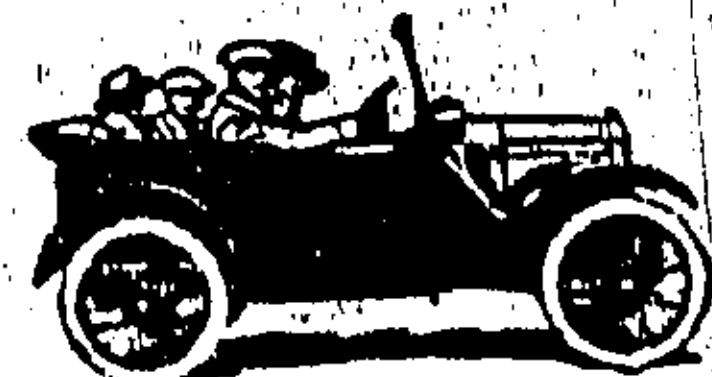
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FRENCH FURORE.

GREAT SENSATION IN GERMANY.

AN "AGGRESSIVE" STATESMAN.

End of the New Conciliation Era.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, January 29.

In political and official circles a sensation has been caused as a result of the speech of M. Herriot, the French Premier, regarding which profound disappointment is expressed with the "aggressive" words of a statesman who has hitherto been regarded as an advocate of conciliation and peace.

The newspapers are most bitter in their comments. For instance,



EDUARD HERRIOT

The "Boersen Zeitung," in an article headed "End of the New Conciliation Era," says that the speech confirms the conviction that French Democrats, Socialists, and Pacifists want the same as the French Chauvinists, namely, the Rhine frontier and Germany's everlasting political, military, and economic impotence. The opinion is expressed that the views of nine out of ten Germans reflected in the Press outburst. Thus it is feared that M. Herriot's speech may add many recruits to the Nationalists, who assert the hopelessness of coming to an understanding with France.

THE FRENCH SIDE.

STORMY DEBATE IN THE CHAMBER.

Paris, January 29.

The Chamber of Deputies has adopted a resolution by 541 votes to 32—a majority of 509—in favour of placarding throughout France M. Herriot's speech expounding the Government's policy regarding Germany.

Paris, later.
The big majority accorded by the Chamber to the resolution was only secured after a stormy debate, which was once suspended.

Excitement arose owing to a section of the Socialists threatening to abstain from voting in order to show their disapproval of the alleged reactionary tone of part of M. Herriot's speech yesterday. Nevertheless M. Herriot to-day succeeded in taking sufficient edge off his speech to conciliate the recalcitrant Socialists without alienating the Right and Centre.

The Premier explained that, being obliged to attend a dinner yesterday evening, he cut out passages from his speech in which he appealed to the consciences of free and peaceful peoples, especially Germany, in order that, through the League of Nations, an agreement might be reached providing an outlet from the present tragic situation, enabling all to work freely and peacefully.

FRENCH SECURITY.

DISCLOSURES BY FRENCH PREMIER.

Paris, January 29.

In the Chamber, H. Herriot (Premier and Minister of Finance) was unanimously cheered when he made impressive disclosures regarding German armaments.

M. Herriot stated that all students in Germany are recruited for periods of military training. Weapons are far in excess of the establishments permitted by the Treaty of Versailles. The so-called police forces are a properly trained modern army, which carries all the necessary material. Arms factories and arsenals have been resumed and are daily in-

creasing their production. The Krupp works have unrestricted machinery for turning out heavy artillery. With the Reichswehr and the reserves Germany is re-establishing the army which started the Great War.

The Premier concluded by saying that he desired peace for Europe and the World, but as a first guarantee of that peace he wanted security for France.

"Havas."
[The speech to which Germany takes exception is referred to in the following cablegram, which was published in the "China Mail" yesterday:—An unusually stern tone towards Germany characterised Premier Herriot's intervention to-night during the debate on foreign affairs, in which he asserted that behind the dust she was throwing in the Allies' eyes Germany was preparing to assault. He warned the Allies, particularly Britain and Italy,

PIRATES CAUGHT.

Success Of A Second Expedition.

RECOVERY OF LOOT.

EXTRADITION TO HONGKONG UNLIKELY.

Intelligence has been received by the Hongkong detective office that another batch of alleged "Hong Wha" pirates have been rounded up in Chinese territory. Last Monday, Commander Wong Fook-chi of the anti-Sun forces, led an expedition to the Po On district where he captured over twenty men, believed to have participated in the attack on the "Hong Wha" on its trip up here from Singapore.

Some property, believed to be a part of the loot, was also taken.

This batch will probably be taken to Waichow city to stand trial with the 17 pirates previously rounded up in Bias Bay by the same commander. It is unlikely that they will be extradited to Hongkong.

We learn that the able summary of the piracy committee report, for which we were indebted to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, has been cabled in full to all the leading Homeland papers.

UNDER WHICH FLAG?

CANTON ON HORNS OF DILEMMA.

PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

Roar of Battle May Not Revive.

Whilst most people are speculating as to what will happen in Canton in view of the medical opinion expressed that the disease, from which Dr. Sun Yat-sen is suffering is so advanced that it is useless to operate, the best informed non-partisan circles in Canton are counting the days in which another Chan Kwong-ming regime will be established at the Southern Metropolis.

Those who are reported to have expressed this view also predict that no matter what happens, it will not be long before China is reunited. This they say, will not need to be accomplished by bloodshed.

In a review of the Canton situation, it is interesting to recall a masterly stroke by Dr. Sun Yat-sen—not long before his decision to proceed to Peking—which has very much simplified matters in that hotbed of unrest. His so-called armed Northern Expedition got rid of all but one—and that the most powerful—faction of the non-Cantonese mercenaries. Both the Hunanese and Honanese armies had proved a thorn in the side of the pro-Sun administrators, not by disloyalty so much as by their crying need of means of sustenance. By despatching these two armies to Kwangtung's Northern border, Dr. Sun indirectly brought about their disintegration. Unable to advance because there was no support, and virtually cut off from retreat by their powerful Yunnanese "allies,"

these non-Cantonese adventurers ceased to function as a united armed body, although the majority of the personnel have flocked back to their native provinces, a small number retrieving what weapons they could.

Professedly on Dr. Sun's side in the province now, are his own Cantonese troops under the direct, though more or less nominal command of his right-hand man, General Hsu Shung-chi. The Yunnanese army occupy all the revenue-producing districts and are all-powerful. The Kwangsi army has dwindled down to numbers which will count for little.

Rumour has credited General Chan Kwong-ming with a desire to re-take Canton "by negotiation" which, in other words, meant the buying out of the Yunnanese. His ally, Lin Fu, is reputedly for all or nothing. Irrespective of Dr. Sun's condition many have claimed knowledge of clandestine discussion with the Yunnanese.

According to the rumour, Chan Kwong-ming has been authorised by the Peking Government to rule Kwangtung. To carry out Tuan Chi-jui's order, he asked for funds—funds not to buy fighting material with but as a peace-offering—and inducement to the Yunnanese to return to their native province as best they can.

With the Yunnanese out of the way, the other pro-Sun contingents will be numerically overwhelmed and their embodiment in the future army of Kwangtung—with the possible exclusion of the so-called "Red Army" commanded by products of the Academy at Whampoa—is said to be a foregone conclusion. Hsu Shung-chi's determined opposition to Chan is considered the only obstacle to the reunification of the two rival elements of Cantonese soldiery.

Merchants with vital interests in Canton are of the opinion that Dr. Sun's civil subordinates in the Kuo Min Tang have neither the prestige nor the support to retain control should the Yunnanese army dissociate itself from Dr. Sun's banner. When they first invaded Canton about two years ago, they clung on tenaciously to get a foothold. Now that they have lived on the fat of the land for so many months, it will not be to their advantage to fight. The question, therefore, which will decide the trend of events in Canton, is what attitude they will take? Against the backing of Peking and the possibility of an expedition from the North, it is not expected that they will decide to fight to the bitter end. Rather than resist, it would pay them to leave their hunting ground with as much spoil as they have hitherto gathered.

Those who hold the views expressed are optimistic enough to declare that Canton will not have to hear the boom of guns before its fate is decided. Once Chan Kwong-ming is back, so they say, it will not be long before Canton will carry out Peking's mandates. The neighbouring province of Kwangsi is predicted to follow suit. However, nobody has yet foretold if peace will be restored, even though the generally-desired re-union comes to pass.

SHIPPING MISHAP.

BEN LINER STRANDED ON TREE ISLAND.

TUGS SENT TO THE RESCUE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, January 29.

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NOTICE.

THE STAR FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

1.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of The Star Ferry Company, Limited, will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of January, 1925, at noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

(a) That the following Article shall be inserted after Article 110 of the Articles of Association:—

CAPITALISATION OF PROFITS AND CORRESPONDING NEW SHARES.

110a.—(a) The Company in General Meeting may at any time pass a Resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise any sum or sums of money being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and accordingly that such sum or sums be distributed as a bonus among the members in proportion to the shares held by them respectively, and that the Directors be authorised to distribute among the members any unissued shares or new shares or in like proportions.

(b) When any such Resolution as that referred to in the preceding paragraph shall have been passed, the Directors may allot and issue to the members as nearly as may be in proportion to the shares held by them respectively and in satisfaction of the said bonus, the unissued shares or new shares (credited as fully paid up shares) to the extent of the proportionate amount payable to such members in respect of the Reserve Fund, with full power to make such provisions by the issue of fractional certificates or otherwise as they may think expedient for the case of fractions, and prior to such allotment the Directors may authorise any person on behalf of the members to enter into any Agreement with the Company providing for the allotment through them of such shares credited as paid up shares as aforesaid, and any Agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

(c) It shall be no objection to Resolutions passed under paragraph (a) of this Article that they are passed at the meeting at which the Resolution introducing this Article is confirmed as a Special Resolution, provided that due notice of the intention to propose such first-mentioned Resolution shall have been given prior to the confirmatory meeting aforesaid.

2.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of The Star Ferry Company, Limited, will be held at the said office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1925, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Eight months ended on the 31st day of December, 1924.

3.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the said office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1925, immediately after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting to be held on the 14th day of January, 1925, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

4.—AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the said office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., immediately after the conclusion of the last mentioned Meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following further Resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions, namely:—

(b) That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now \$400,000 consisting of 40,000 shares of the nominal value of \$10 each, all of which have been issued) be increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 60,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10 each;

INTIMATIONS.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Limited, on FRIDAY, the 30th January, 1925, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to 30th January 1925 both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1925.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th February 1924 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 2nd February to the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 42, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, 19th February, 1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 5th February, to Thursday, 19th February, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
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(d) That the whole or any part of the remainder of the unissued shares of the Company be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion think fit.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 26th day of January, 1925, to MONDAY, the 2nd day of February, 1925, both days inclusive.

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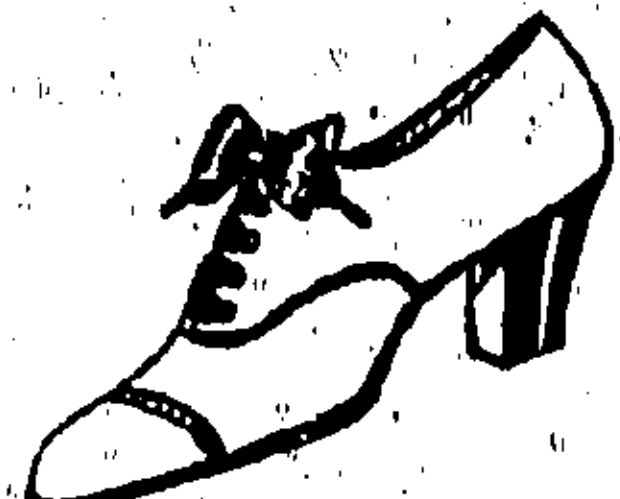
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The bridegroom told a newspaper representative recently that he is anxious to be married in a church, but in case the weather does not permit him to go out of doors, he has obtained a special licence, by sanction of the Archbishop of Canterbury, which will enable him to be married in his own study. "It is the beastly loneliness that gets me down," he said. "You see in me one of the few survivors of the siege of Lucknow." He went on: "and, barring a touch of rheumatism, I am as sound as a bell. I never had a doctor in my life until I was 67. How have I lived so long? Well, I have not led a godly life, certainly—but, I think, a temperate one. I once swam from Sandown Fort to Shanklin, four miles, for a bet of 2s. 6d., wearing a straw hat as shelter from the sun.

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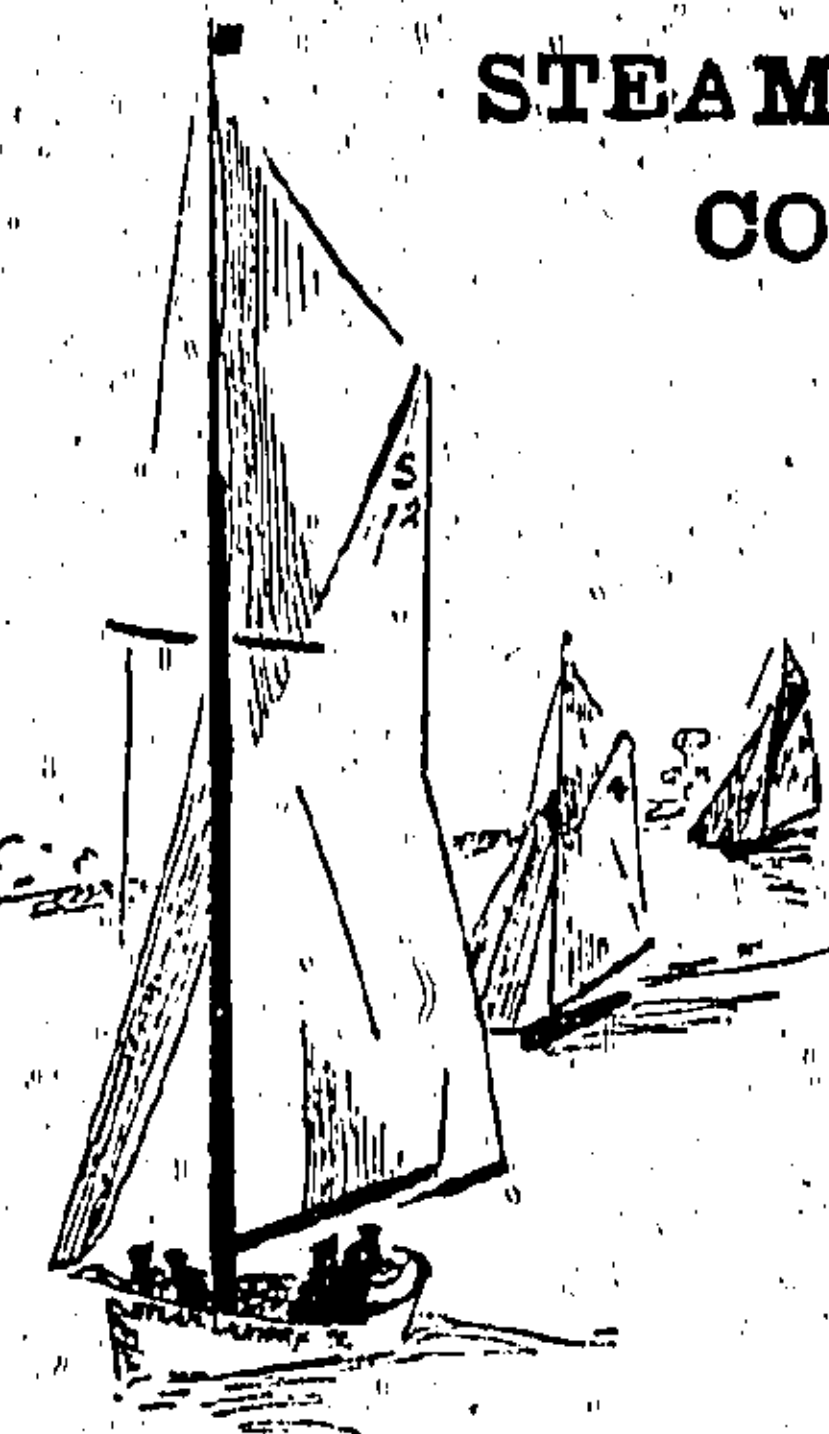
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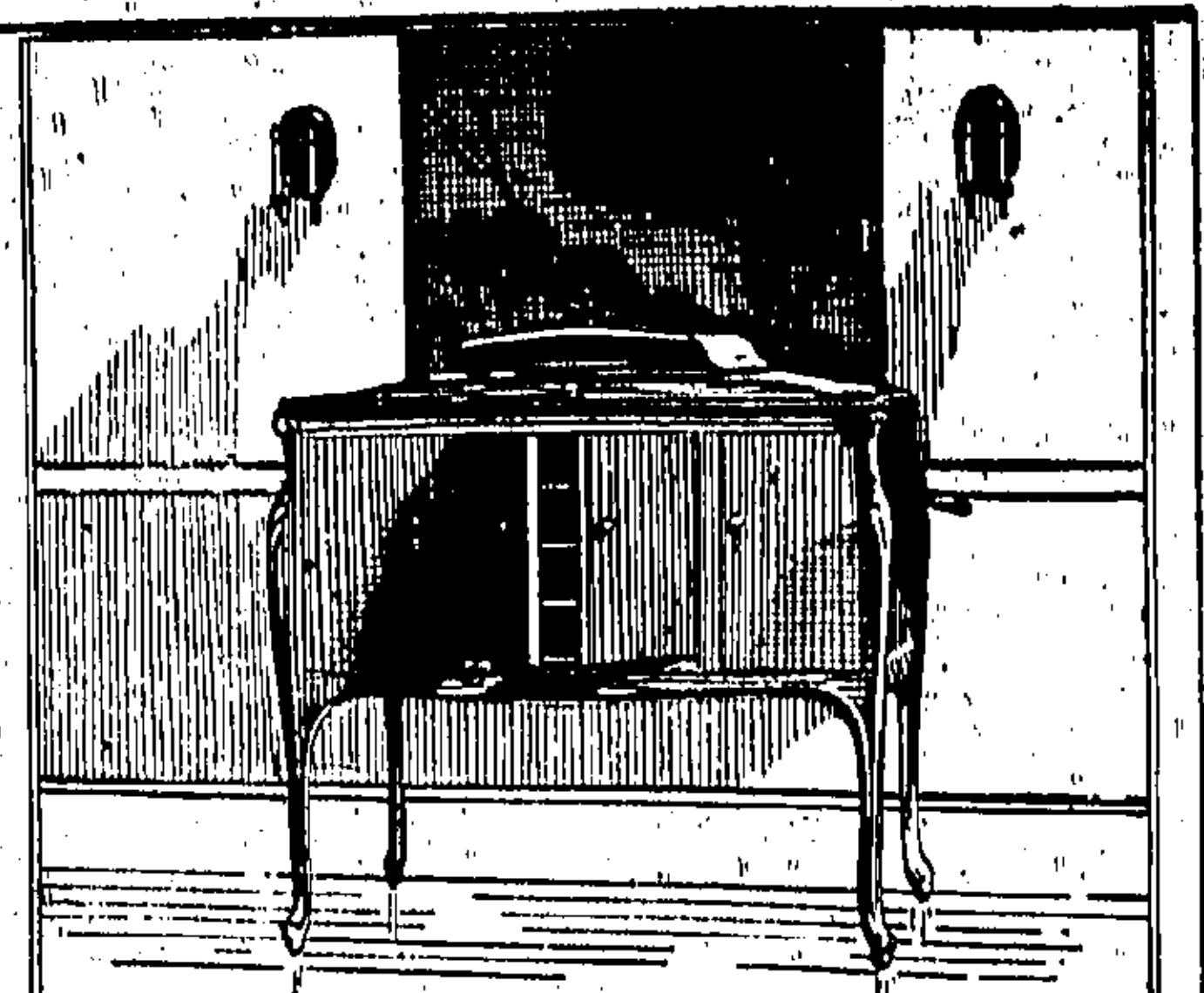
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Hongkong, Friday, January 30, 1925.

PLAY THE GAME!

Another of the series of inter-
port sporting contests has come
to an end with the last of the foot-
ball matches against Shanghai, in
which the visitors demonstrated
the truth of the adage that a game
is never lost or won before the
final whistle blows. Whilst
Shanghai lost two out of the three
football matches, they showed
throughout that fine sporting
spirit which was commented upon
in these columns yesterday in
connection with the yachting con-
tests. And the visiting footballers
likewise showed that they possess
that spirit of indomitable pluck
that keeps true sport alive and
that adds a zest to interport and
Club meetings without which any
sport would degenerate into a poor
old thing. As was pointed out by
the Vice-President of the Hong-
kong Football Association at the
gathering in the Hongkong Hotel
last night, Shanghai were unfor-
tunate in losing the services of
their manager-captain, Mr.
Phillips. Shanghai did not send
down a team to show us how to
win games, but they certainly
sent down a team which could
show us how to lose well and grace-
fully. At the same time, with all
due deference to one of the pillars
of the game here, Shanghai, in
the final game yesterday, did
reveal the art of winning even
when all seemed lost. The second

half of the match was well
advanced and the visitors had a
goal registered against them.
Many thought that the result—
another local win—was a foregone
conclusion, and some of the
spectators had even left the
ground, when the visitors made
an onslaught on the local goal and
netted the leather three times in
succession—truly an admirable
piece of play!

As sport, football assuredly
holds its own with the populace
wherever it is played, and it is
gratifying to think of the wonder-
ful progress that it has made in
Hongkong, which can more than
hold its own with the best exponents
of the game in the Far East.

The Vice-President of the Hong-
kong Football Association, speak-
ing at last night's interport dinner,
described the rise of football here
as "wonderful." When he arrived
in the Colony twenty years ago
football was on a very ordinary
footing, and consisted mostly of
"friendly" matches. Chinese
players—and spectators—also
were conspicuous by their absence.
To see such a crowd at the Happy
Valley ground on Monday last
would have been a revelation to
the old residents of the Colony had
they been able to return and be
present at that match.

The whole secret of the success
of football in Hongkong is simply
a corollary of the success that
has been achieved elsewhere in
the Orient—a determination on
the part of the football authorities
to ensure that the game shall be
played in the truest sporting
spirit, a determination that has
invariably received the utmost
co-operation of players and specta-
tors alike. "Play the game" has
been the motto writ large on the
portals of every Club in Hongkong
and in the hearts of all the players.
Given a continuance of that laud-
able sentiment, there is no reason
why football should not continue
to progress with the advancing
years. It is a sport that makes
a good athlete, and a good athlete
is the best possible basis for the
making of a good citizen. Which
is perhaps the best possible reason
why football shall be fostered and
why interport contests should be
encouraged.

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THE HAND OF TIME. HOW THE COLONY HAS CHANGED.

INTERESTING MEMORIES.

IMPRESSIONS OF A FORMER
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(By R. T. Peyton-Griffin.)

Years ago, when a new
journalist came to Hongkong, the
first assignment given him by his
editor was to write his
"impressions" of the place. The
present writer was allotted that
task, and somewhere in the dusty
files of one of our newspapers
here there is hidden a crime
which it is to be hoped will never
be raked up and used against
him. If it be, he proposes to
plead youth and inexperience as
mitigating circumstances. After
an absence from the Colony of
some years, during which the
hoar frost of maturity has some-
what lightened his locks, and add-
ed girth to an erstwhile slender
figure, he has been asked again to
write his impressions. Which re-
minds us of the story of the negro
pastor who was informed by a
deacon that his "call" would not
be renewed.

"Why?" he asked. "Don't I
orate?"

"Yes, brudder, you certainly
does orate powerful."

"And don't I argufy?"

"Yes, you sure does. You
orates and argufies, but you don't
specify wherein."

And so, not to fail as the
pastor did, the "orating" and
"spitfying" will be neglected in
favour of "specifying wherein."

Hongkong has changed. It has
assumed a certain monumental
dignity not wholly to be dis-
associated from the plethora of
splendid buildings which project
their heads skyward in emulation

of the massive Peak, but fami-
liarities have disappeared in
favour of a granitic dignity. The
ancient Supreme Court building,
wherein many a cause was plead-
ed amidst the dust and dirt of
decades, where reporters sat in
wonderful intimacy with the Bar,
has long since disappeared. And
with it have gone such names as
Marcus Slade, and E. H. Sharpe.

Yet even its successor in Statue
Square, is acquiring the aspects
of an ageing respectability, for
rain and time are dimming its
original pristine beauty. It is not
to be supposed that the exterior
of the building can be easily
cleansed, nor is such a course to
be advocated. But if a sugges-
tion could be advanced, we would
like to see the statues in the ad-
jacent square given a good wash-
ing. Once, if memory serves, it
was done, and a little of the "spit
and polish" exercises inflicted on
men in barracks nearby might be
applied to some of the denizens
of the "finest site" for no matter
how royal a statue may be, it loses
one of its kingly attributes if it
is decidedly grubby. Again,
Hongkong knows why the square
should be spoiled by the erection
of a pier on its foreshore. No
doubt it is wise to dissemble
popular love for this oasis of
beauty in a desert of utility, but
the installation of this new pier
looks suspiciously like kicking it
downstairs. But hold! we are
commencing to "argufy," where-
as we promised only to "specify
wherein."

And the streets of Hongkong!
We remember the day when they
were safe to sleep on, when chair-
men and ricksha-pullers pussy-
footed between pedestrians who
passed the time of day in the
middle of Queen's Road. We
remember when our faithful dog
would find a soft spot in the
cement roadway and sleep,
oblivious of passing traffic. That
dog was killed three days after
reaching Shanghai—Hongkong
and a passing motor-car was
responsible for his untimely
demise. In those days—and it is
only a decade ago—motor cars
were few. Their unpopularity
was in inverse ratio to their num-
bers. Possibly that was due to a
mechanical and offensive smelling
assault on the Victorian dignity
of the place, or that objection to
nocturnal noise which made Gov-
ernor Caine, many years before,
stop watchmen clanking their
bamboos as they made their
nightly rounds. But whatever
the cause, motor cars were not
wanted in the early days of their
advent. Human mutability has
changed all that. The site of the
old clock tower in Pedder Street,
is now a ranking station for
more cars than the whole of the
Colony possessed a few years
ago. Kowloon which in those
days afforded a happy hunting
ground for ricksha coolies, now re-
sounds to the chug-chugging of
innumerable motor buses, quaint
little lovable creatures compared
to the behemoths which perform
similar functions in Shanghai.

The time does not seem far dis-
tant when Hongkong will be con-
fronted with a traffic problem.
Possibly it will never be so acute
as it is in the northern part we

have mentioned, but it will come.
This, however, is perilously like
"argufying," and we must get
back to our muttons.

The most vivid impression one
receives on return to Hongkong
comes from the hotels. The ser-
vice is excellent, the food beyond
reproach, but, nourishment not-
withstanding, our pocket-book
seems to be suffering from a pro-
gressive anaemia. Its rotundity
has collapsed into an elegant
meagreness, and, unless the date
of our departure comes quickly,
we expect it to die of sheer
inanition, despite the fact that we
had taken it for a short recupera-
tive trip to Macao from which it
had received some little benefit.

But, if we may venture a sugges-
tion, it would be that many
chances of acquiring revenue have
been missed. No toll has been
taken for the privilege of breath-
ing the rarified atmosphere of
the hotels, while the wear and
tear on the plate glass windows,
caused by guests looking through
them seems to have been com-
pletely overlooked. Some day,
some Ali Baba will come and build
a new hotel and then—this is not
a threat, not even a promise, but
if the hotel management makes
prospects so attractive we fancy
it will have some difficulty in
keeping him out. Speaking on be-
half of the tourists we think some
less painful means of extraction
might be employed: the desk
clerk might be allowed to run
them over with a vacuum cleaner,
when little or nothing would be
missed. We have a number of
other helpful suggestions which
we could supply the hotel manage-
ments with but if they want
them we are open to a proposition
in the hope that we may get a
little of our own back. However,
with the gentleness of the shorn
sheep, we would like to compli-
ment the hotels on the really
efficient service they give: it is
certainly of a very high standard.

The expansion of Hongkong
during the past ten years is more
apparent to those who have been
away than to those who have
stayed behind. The disappear-
ance of Morrison hill into the
reclamation scheme at Wanchai is
all to the good. So also is the
development of Kowloon, but it is
to be doubted whether Victoria
itself is, capable of much more
extension. Possibly the old
scheme of a tunnel through the
Peak may afford some relief in
the future if it be revived, and
even more houses may be pre-
cariously perched on the steep-
nesses of the immediately ad-
jacent hills. Yet, no matter what
is done on land, the harbour of
Hongkong will remain much the
same. It will still retain the
combination of efficiency and
beauty which has endeared it to
all who see it. It will ever pre-
sent that aspect of continually
changing colour which has always
been a delight to the eye, a thing
of beauty and a joy for ever.

And if it is permissible to close
this halting mixture of impres-
sion, and opinion, on a personal
note, it would be to express
delight that Time has not laid too
heavy a hand on those we knew
so well a few years ago. A toll
has been taken, some familiar
faces are missing from the
Colony, but more than enough re-
main to make this return visit a
memorable event amongst many
pleasurable excursions. Thus,
having fulfilled a promise to an
old friend, we cease to "specify
wherein," and leave to others
whatever there remains on which
to exercise the gifts of the pastor
whose story formed our text.

SPEED IN CABLES.

BACK TO THE STANDARDS
OF PRE-WAR DAYS.

TELEGRAPH HEAD EXPLAINS.

"As regards speed and efficiency
we are back to pre-war standards,"
said Mr. M. F. P. Airey, superin-
tendent of the local branch of the
Eastern Extension Telegraph Co.,
to a "China Mail" representative
who approached him this morning
for observations in view of his
early departure from the Colony
(Mr. Airey has been transferred to
Wellington, New Zealand, and
leaves on February 18 by the
"Mishima Maru").

In war time, owing to interrup-
tions in other lines, the Eastern
Extension Company had a busy
time of it and mistakes were almost
inevitable; but, figuratively speak-
ing, Mr. Airey told the "China
Mail" man, where there might
have been forty innumerable in the
course of a hundred cables there
were now only four. "This, of
course," is conducive to greater
speed as we are able to concentrate
on the messages themselves, instead
of filling our lines with corrections.

In reply to a query as to the
average time a message now took
between Hongkong and London,
Mr. Airey took from off his desk
a notification according to which
the time taken for cables handed in
last night at Hongkong to reach
London had been two hours and
a half. "And those were not
urgent ones," remarked Mr. Airey;
"the daily result last time came
through in 30 seconds, as you
know."

Mr. Airey has been in Hongkong
for four years and a half, an
unusually long time for a superin-
tendent, and he smilingly remarked
this morning that it was the
longest he had been anywhere since
he came East with the Company
31 years ago.

Since Mr. Airey has been in
Hongkong the Company has built
houses in May Road and Magazine
Gap, which have solved the housing
problem in so far as the staff is
concerned. A third floor has also
been added to the building in
Connaught Road Central to cope
with the increase in traffic.

Mr. Airey has identified himself
closely with the public and social
life of the Colony, and his departure
will necessitate resignation from
nine Committees, including the
Hongkong Club, the Peak
Residents' Association, and the
special building sub-committee of
the Alice Memorial Hospital. Mr.
Airey has been a member of the St.
John's Cathedral Church body and
of the Board of Education.

His successor is to be Mr. B. A.
Jeggatt, of Penang, who will
resume friendships formed in the
course of residence here in a sub-
ordinate position.

NAVAL POSTMAN'S FALL

MONEY FROM REGISTERED
LETTER.

Pleading guilty, at a Naval
court-martial yesterday, to a
charge of having stolen money
from a registered envelope whilst
acting as ship's postman, Cor-
poral Fulbrook, of the Royal
Marines, H.M.S. "Ambrose," was
sentenced to be imprisoned for
six months with dismissal from
the service.

Captain C. G. Brodie, of H.M.S.
"Titanic," was President of the
Court, and Pay Lieut. F. R.
Porter of H.M.S. "Hawkins," the
Judge-Advocate.

"IT AINT SO GOOD AS IT USED TO BE."

In tropical jungle long ago,
About a million or two B.C.,
Old Pithecanthropus grunted low:
"It aint so good as it used to be."

A thousand millenniums later on,
But still a long way off B.C.,
Paleolithicus used to moan:
"It aint so good as it used to be."

With dog, horse, ox, (and a wife) well tamed,
More skilled in the art of butchery,
The Neolithic sage exclaimed:
"It aint so good as it used to be."

When man discovered the way to write,
(We don't know exactly when B.C.),
The first thing he wrote was that ancient blight:
"It aint so good as it used to be."

Though science and art became prolific,
About three thousand years B.C.,
What says the ancient hieroglyphic?
"It aint so good as it used to be."

When Jacob exchanged Poor Palestine
For Egypt's wealth and luxury,
He grumbled to Joseph through fumes of wine:
"It aint so good as it used to be."

What was it Noah told the crew?
And Cleopatra Antony?
And Mr. Gladstone in 'eighty-two?
"It aint so good as it used to be."

And when this mortal coil we shuffle,
To stoke the fires, or harp with glee,
We'll hear the older residents snuffle:
"It aint so good as it used to be."

W. K.
Hongkong, January 29.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

UNION WATERBOAT CO.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Recommendation of \$1.25 dividend per share, reference to the Company's policy of replacement of boats and to the commencement of a superannuation scheme were the main items of interest at the twentieth annual general meeting this morning of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd.

Mr. T. G. Weill presided, supported by Messrs. W. Adamson, C. Gordon Mackie and Y. Yamamoto; W. Gray, secretary; and the following shareholders:—W. Hardwick, O. Ribeiro, G. R. Edwards, L. S. Greenhill, W. E. Van Eps, Y. Tsutsumi and A. S. Cousland.

The Chairman said that he would take the report and accounts as having been read. He said:—The profit on 1924 working after writing off depreciation and bad debts and including balance brought forward from previous account amounts to \$70,199.02 in regard to which the Consulting Committee recommended the following appropriations:—

Transfer to Special Repairs Fund for Pipes and Staging \$ 5,000.00
Transfer to Insurance Fund 10,000.00
Transfer to Superannuation Fund 10,000.00
Pay a Dividend of \$1.25 per share on 27,723 shares absorbed 34,653.75

Carry forward to new Account 10,545.27
The Superintendent's report shows the fleet to be in good condition. "Owing to delay in completing the new basin under the Government scheme, extensive repairs will be necessary to your pipe lines at Lai-chikok which you will remember were temporarily repaired after the 1923 typhoon. This accounts for the appropriation of \$5,000 recommended. The Chairman told you at the last meeting that we contemplated building a new boat. This is now nearing completion and should be in commission in March and the addition to our fleet will facilitate the regular docking and repairs which have been very difficult to arrange in the past year. In explanation of the amount transferred to Insurance Fund, I would say that the fleet which is now getting old cannot be insured for replacement value which is in the neighbourhood of \$500,000. Your Insurance Fund which now stands at \$44,000 therefore needs further building up. We have also considered it wise to start a Superannuation Fund to provide for the time when it will be necessary to in some way compensate your Staff after many years of faithful service. You may consider the policy of your Consulting Committee to be too conservative, but I would warn you that many of your boats are twenty years old and will need to be gradually replaced. Although their book value is very well written down, we must conserve our resources to meet the cost of rebuilding."

Mr. Weill then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Greenhill seconded. Carried unanimously.
The invitation extended to Mr. C. Gordon Mackie to join the Committee vice the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. Hardwick, seconded by Mr. Van Eps.
Messrs. Linstead and Davies were appointed auditors on the proposition of Mr. Ribeiro, seconded by Mr. Cousland.

RURAL LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

HOMES IN THE SUBURBS.

The Rural Land Investment Co., which was launched with the object of building upon suburban properties commodious and up-to-date European flats, held the statutory meeting this morning in the Asiatic Building office at which the proposed developments were indicated.

Mr. Fred. Ellis presided over the meeting, others present being Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton, Felix M. Ellis, Leung, Yau-poi, H. Stretton Hill, secretary, and E. J. Arculli, Miss L. M. Souza, Fred Judah, S. Joseph, L. A. Tobias, C. L. Young, and E. Mow Fung.

The Chairman indicated that the meeting was held to comply with the provisions of the Hongkong Companies Ordinance, 1911, and after referring to the object for which the company was launched, he said:—

"Your directors feel that there is a want for this type of houses as there must be a lot of people in this Colony who would prefer to retire to a home in the suburbs after the day's toil is over, where living and atmospheric conditions are healthier, away from the din and noise of the City."

Capital.—From the report you will observe that the number of

TROPICAL AGRICULTURE.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE FULLY JUSTIFIED.

LIBERAL NEW YORK GIFT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 29.
The Lord Mayor presided at a luncheon at the Mansion House in connection with the appeal for £100,000 to support the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture. A distinguished company was present, including the High Commissioners and Agents-General.
Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, Secretary for the Colonies, in proposing the toast of the College, described his duties as a world-wide Ministry of Health. He said that the College, since it was opened in 1922, had fully justified itself. The Colonial Office recommended that opportunities and inducements should be given to our future agricultural officers to obtain a full course of training at the College. Whilst the Empire Conton-Growing Corporation was sending all its officers to the College for initial training, he hoped that every tropical portion of the Empire would eventually have its own Agricultural University.

Sir Arthur Shipley, Chairman of the College, announced among a number of gifts that the International Health Board of New York had offered £1,000 a year for five years to establish a Professorship in tropical sanitation and hygiene.

BACK TO GOLD.

HELP TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

LONDON BANKER'S VIEWS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, January 29.
Dr. Walter Leaf, Chairman of the Westminster Bank, presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders, said that it did not follow, because we had reached gold parity, that we could immediately remove the embargo on the export of gold. This was due to expire at the end of 1925, and its non-renewal might confidently be hoped for.

Dr. Leaf asked whether the time had not arrived for a conference of National Banks to issue to formulate a scheme of co-operation as regards gold reserves, as suggested at the Geneva Conference. He added that the re-establishment of parity would be of immense assistance to international trade.

WORLD FLIGHT.

ITALIAN AIR CHIEF'S BIG PROJECT.

ROME TO SYDNEY VIA THE PACIFIC.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rome, January 29.
The Chief of the Air Staff, Major Depinedo, proposes to start on a world flight in May from Rome via Athens, Egypt, the Red Sea, the southern coast of Asia, Tokio, the Pacific Archipelago, and Sydney—a total distance of about 55,000 kilometres.

He will be accompanied by a mechanic and fly in a 400 h.p. machine with a flight capacity of ten hours.

ALL QUIET.

MARSHAL LU'S TROOPS IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, January 29.
Fifteen thousand of Marshal Lu Yung-hsiang's troops have arrived here. They are in complete control of the city, which is very quiet.—Reuter.

shares allotted is 52,500. These shares are fully paid up.

Properties and Their Development.—R.B.L. No. 78, situated at the Peak comprises an area of a little over an acre. On this property 24 flats are in course of construction.

R.B.L. Nos. 230, 231, 232 and 233. The joint total area of these lots, situated along Pokfulam Road, represents over 300,000 sq. feet, and plans of the flats we propose building are now in preparation.

Inland Lot No. 2347.—This lot is situated along Stubbs Road and has an area of approximately 30,000 sq. feet. We propose to build on this lot six flats with tennis courts.

The meeting closed with the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. L. A. Tobias.

SUN YAT-SEN.

LATEST BULLETIN FROM PEKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, January 29.
Dr. Sun Yat-sen passed a comfortable night and this morning was free from pain. His temperature was 98.6, pulse 108. He is taking nourishment well and the surgical wound is in a satisfactory condition.

It is reported the Kuomintang will appoint an executive committee, consisting of Messrs. Yu Yao-jen, Eugene Chen, Li Shih-tseng, Wang Chow-ming and four others to handle its affairs, owing to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's illness.

"Wild And Absurd."

Yesterday's "Canton Gazette" has the following:—

Wild and absurd rumours have been sedulously propagated regarding Dr. Sun's condition during the past week from the factory in Hongkong, but these may be dismissed by intelligent men and women. As every modern medical man well knows, in the present state of mentality of the mass of the Chinese people, a mere consultation of doctors regarding a patient on his removal to a hospital and, above all, the necessity for a surgical operation, major or minor, are always regarded with gloomy forebodings.

All who know Dr. Sun, however, can assert with confidence that his indomitable spirit and tremendous will-power, which have enabled him to overcome crisis after crisis in his long life, will again stand him in good stead and see him through, under Providence, in the present ordeal.

"Successful Operation."

The "Canton Gazette" also says:—

Latest telegrams received by the (Canton) Government report that Dr. Sun's condition is satisfactory after undergoing an operation lasting nearly an hour at the Peking Rockefeller Hospital.

On the advice of his medical attendants Dr. Sun was removed to the hospital on Monday afternoon, where a consultation of experts was again held. An operation was decided upon and took place on Tuesday. Dr. Sun reacted satisfactorily to the surgical treatment and his condition since the operation has been quite satisfactory and gives no ground for alarm.

Dr. Sun, who has been under the personal care of Dr. Krieg, the well-known German doctor, had hitherto been receiving what is known as the "emetin" treatment, and he has personally been averse from undergoing an operation. However, since from the first consultation of seven experts held immediately upon Dr. Sun's arrival at Peking, indications were that an abscess was forming in the liver, the question of an operation had to be faced sooner or later.

Vernacular Reports.
Most of the Hongkong vernacular papers publish telegrams from Peking with details almost identical to those in the English Press.

The "Tai Kwong Po's" special Canton correspondent reports that the present Canton administration has held several urgent and important meetings.

No Fear For Canton.

An opinion is expressed that fears are not entertained for Canton's peace. General Fan Shek-sung, commanding the 2nd Yunnanese army and easily the strongest militarist in the Southern capital, is reported as being relied upon to preserve order in the event of a crisis. Confidence has been expressed that he will do the needful.

According to the "Tai Kwong Po," two conflicting messages have been received in Canton from members of Dr. Sun's staff in Peking. The first telegram reported that he was not in danger and the second (from another man) said that Dr. Sun was critically ill.

URGENT!

REMOVAL OF LIGHT-BOUYS.

Posted up as "urgent" on the Harbour Office board is a notice relating to the projected removal of the light-buoys marking the western end of the channel, to positions westward of their present positions, on or about February 9. The North Fairway Buoy's new position will be 43 degrees 7350 feet from 299 hill on Green Island. That of the South Fairway Buoy will be 49 degrees 6120 feet from the same hill.

There will be no change in the characteristics of the lights.

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TOURIST INVASION.

BIG LINER DUE IN PORT TO-MORROW.

SHORE ARRANGEMENTS.

The tourist season will open in Hongkong with the arrival of the "Belgenland" at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning, with 440 excursionists on board.

The cruise is conducted by the International Mercantile Marine, the largest steamship organisation in the world, in co-operation with the American Express Company. The vessel will remain in Hongkong for three days, and comprehensive arrangements have been made for the excursionists to visit the principal places of interest, including Repulse Bay, New Territories, the Peak, and the native shops. Two boats have been chartered for conveying the visitors to Canton.

Counted among the first dozen of the Atlantic's passenger liners in point of size, the "Belgenland" is not only the largest vessel to ever circumnavigate the globe, but will be the largest ship to have been ever seen in Hongkong. She is travelling from New York round to New York on a leisurely fixed itinerary of 132 days, with stops in fourteen different countries, in the course of which sixty different cities will have been visited. She is an oil-burning vessel of 27,200 tons register, 697 feet long and 78 feet broad, fitted with turbine engines and triple screws. The ship is ideal for cruising. Her promenade deck is enclosed with broad panels of glass that can be readily lowered to a point permitting a clear view of the sea from one's stateroom chair. At night the deck is frequently used as a ball-room, and when decorated with coloured electric globes and flags presents a charming appearance. An unusual feature of the upper deck is a broad space forward back of the bridge, for sports. There is another space for sports, of generous proportions, aft. Other features of the vessel are two large and well equipped gymnasiums, a swimming pool with Turkish bath attached, a deck tennis court, and three verandahs available for refreshment, table games, and dancing. With its spacious public rooms and private apartments luxuriously fitted, the "Belgenland" fully merits the designation of a liner.

Owing to her excessive length, the vessel during her stay in Hongkong will be berthed in mid-stream and secured to buoys at head and stern.

Amongst the 440 excursionists, there are no fewer than a hundred married couples, eighty maiden ladies and a number of doctors and clergymen.

Although the majority of the globe trotters are American residents, there is a number from the British Isles, France, Switzerland and Holland.

FOR WEMBLEY.

SATISFACTORY REPLY TO HONGKONG.

ARRANGEMENTS BEGUN.

We learn that a satisfactory reply was received yesterday from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the cable recently despatched by the Hongkong Government stating the conditions under which participation by Hongkong in the British Empire Exhibition in 1925 would be possible.

An immediate beginning has therefore been made with the necessary arrangements to ensure that the Hongkong Section shall again be an outstanding success at the Exhibition.

MR. F. C. HIGGINS.

HIS FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Many friends of Mr. F. C. Higgins, who was found shot in Kennedy Road in the early hours of Wednesday, attended the funeral which took place at Happy Valley Cemetery at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Copley Moyle in the cemetery chapel, after which the cortege moved to the graveside. Many friends attended, among whom were—Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Drayson, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Simpson, Mr. E. Evelyn and a number of the deceased's Chinese employees.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Brother and sister, George (son), Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Simpson, Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Drake, Mrs. A. Mead and Edie, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Thompson, Captain J. V. Simpson, Mrs. M. E. Brent, M. de Courcy, M. Burns, G. Harper, Chinese Tailors' Club, Tailors of Mr. Higgins, and "Very Sorrowing Friends."

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SEAMEN'S STRIKE ECHO.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—I shall be glad if you can see your way to publish the enclosed letter.

I began to write this letter immediately after my recent return to the Colony, before I was aware of Mr. Cartwright's illness, and it is to me a matter of the deepest regret that it was sent too late.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. M. FLETCHER.

Hongkong, January 29, 1925.

ENCLOSURE.

Dear Mr. Cartwright,

The period of my absence from the Colony has given me leisure to meditate upon our libel action and all the circumstances which have led up to it, and I have decided to write this letter direct to you. As however the matter is in the hands of our respective Solicitors, it is necessary for me to preface what I am going to say by the statement that it is "without prejudice."

Lapse of time and—I hope—a ripper judgment have enabled me perhaps to appreciate your position rather better than before and to feel more sympathy with your request that I should publish an unconditional amende, unaccompanied by an explanatory statement.

I have known you for a number of years as an entirely upright and honourable man, and, when I published the letter of the 8th March, 1922, I did not believe, nor did I intend to suggest, that you were guilty of *malice fides*. I am prepared to make a public statement to this effect and to waive my condition that your explanatory statement should be published also, although I still think that that suggestion was perfectly reasonable.

I am sure that you will believe me when I say that my motive in writing this letter is entirely unconnected with any sense of apprehension as to the outcome of the libel action. I know that you have brought that action in the belief that it is the only means by which you can defend your reputation, and I do not want to force you into a course which can only result in a continuance of ill-feeling. If I can put the matter right by a frank apology for any misunderstanding that may have been caused by the wording of the letter to which you took exception.

You will perhaps decide that the matter has gone too far, in which event I have nothing more to say. But, if my present proposal is acceptable to you, I am sure that we could speedily arrange together a communiqué to the Press, which will put the matter finally to rest.

Yours truly,

(Sd.) A. G. M. FLETCHER.

Hongkong, January 20.

WIRELESS AND PIRACY.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir.—I have read, with great interest your leader "Wireless and Piracy," and wish to thank you for "ticking off" the wise ones. "I told you so," is bad form anyhow. The wisecracks should remember that. And it is easy to be wise after the event.

As one who has been pirated on more than one occasion, I may say that any measure is worth a good trial, to prevent piracy.

I put forward as a reply to the argument that the wireless would be the first thing smashed, a suggestion that all local boats should be fitted with wireless and their operators should send out any every thirty minutes of the night run to Canton, or the West River, a code letter or number.

As soon as this failed to arrive the shore-operator could get busy and notify the gunboats or whoever it is that is ever going to fight pirates. So that in pulling down the wireless aerials &c., the pirates would be "Hoist on their own petard."

It was objected to on the grounds of expense. Well, do we want to suppress piracy or not? If we do, any expense is justified, and even the Chinese shipowners admit that ten cents on the farce would cover expensive defence operations.

There's not the art of the scribe, sir, but I hope I have made my meaning clear.

Yours etc.,

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Hongkong, January 27.

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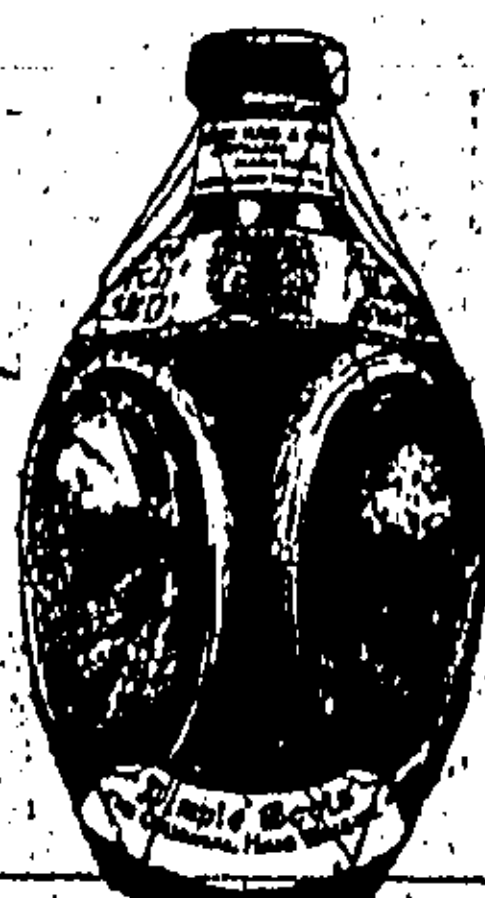
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Board of Education is to meet on Wednesday next.

A concert under the auspices of the Victoria Diocesan Association, in aid of the Nanning Fund, is to be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. on February 3.

It is announced from Delhi that the new concession to officials of sterling overseas pay will be exempt from income tax in England, except when an officer is regarded as resident in the United Kingdom.

Of late there has been no capture of any large sharks in Singapore waters, but last week some Malays managed to catch a good sized one measuring between six and seven feet in length, at the entrance to Empire Dock.

The "Philippines Prison Review" is the title of a new monthly magazine published by the inmates of the Insular, bilid prison in English, Spanish and Tagalog, the object of which is to create an effective medium for the reformation and rehabilitation of the fallen men and women. The first number, January issue, has just been published.

Yesterday arrangements were made for Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Everett to inspect the anti-piracy measures on river boats which he did not see at a previous inspection some days ago, but his visit was postponed on account of the weather. In the afternoon, H. E. the G. O. C. (Major General Sir John Fowler) who is shortly leaving the Station, paid an unofficial visit to the Hongkong-Canton steamer "Sai On". The General was conducted around by Lieut-Commander Conway Hake, R.N.R., Assistant Harbour Master.

From Canton comes the report that the small coasting steamer which when sailing from Kwong Chow Wan under the Chilean flag was "captured" by Dr. Sun's flag-ship, the cruiser "Wing Fung", has now been converted into a Canton Naval armed ship, and span with a new coat of paint. She was seen lying off Whampoa spick and span with a new coat of paint. At the time of her seizure it was rumoured that the whole ship and its crew had been accused of smuggling opium and possession of illicit Canton silver subsidiary coins.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Sir Lionel Woodward, who is expected back in Malaya in March, is now staying in Switzerland.

Mr. Griffith Williams, of Messrs. Drew and Napier, is in the General Hospital recovering from a recent operation for appendicitis.

Dr. and Mrs. James Gossip have left Penang for home. Dr. Gossip will be returning to Penang in September next.

At Taiping, last week, the wedding took place of Mr. Howard, of Yam Seng Estate, and Miss Ellis, late of the staff of King Edward VII School, Taiping.

The Prince of Wales is to visit the Whitehaven district of Cumberland this year, and it is expected that he will then open the new hospital to be established at Whitehaven Castle.

There was a quiet wedding in the Church of St. Joseph, Singapore, last week, the contracting parties being Mr. Cecil Galistan and Miss Ella Pereira, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Alfred Pereira. Father Sague was the officiating minister.

Mr. C. E. Pegler, who is taking over the management of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co.'s Bangkok branch, is due there about the middle of March. Mr. E. D'Arcy, the present manager, is leaving for home by the Bibby Yorkshire from Rangoon on March 26.

The High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States, with the Sultan of Perak, left Kuala Kangsar by houseboat on a shooting trip down the Perak river, going on to Teluk Anson, where he was met by a fleet of decorated motor boats containing Malay nobilities, and conducted to the "Seabelle," where His Excellency and His Highness were to lunch, together with the Chief Secretary and the Raja Muda.

Sir Geoffrey Archer, the newly appointed Governor-General of the Sudan, arrived at Khartoum early this month. The "Times" correspondent comments on the fact that Sir Geoffrey is the first civilian Governor-General of the Sudan, and adds: "His appointment is particularly welcomed by the entire commercial community, both British and native, who regard it as indicative of a sound and progressive policy."

It is reported that G. C. Cooper, cashier of Messrs. John Little and Co., for whose arrest a warrant has been issued, is on a vessel that is expected to reach Delagoa Bay (Portuguese territory) at any moment now.

A European lady reported to the Police the loss of a diamond and jade stone mounted bangle, valued at \$400, near the Sun Company. A watchman employed at the Sincere Company, who is alleged to have found the article, was arrested by a detective whilst passing it at the Kee Sang pawnshop.

Mr. Stewart Garner was in Kuala Lumpur a fortnight ago making arrangements for the performance at the Town Hall to-day—the only one in Kuala Lumpur—of the Sir Harry Lauder Company. In addition to the famous Scottish comedian, the company includes eight talented artists.

An Indian was caught by the vestry clerk, who had just returned from tiffin in the ladies' vestry of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, with a clergyman's surplice, white hood and girdle on his arm. The man was then taken to the men's vestry, where a bundle of surplices and cassocks was found on a bench, whilst the almirahs showed they had been opened.

With the influx of Chinese mendicants who enter the Settlement shortly before Chinese New Year to solicit alms, an old looking one was noticed on the Avenue Joffre, last week. He was very old, but nevertheless marched along with surprising energy, attracting much attention by the unusualness of his costume. Glad in a long coat fashioned of thousands of different patches, of every hue imaginable, he presented a bizarre spectacle, his garment rivaling that of Joseph of Biblical fame.

"Your father killed, your mother held for ransom by bandits, your brother raising money." Such was the sad message received by Mr. P. Y. Ma, General Secretary of the Chinese Student's Y.M.C.A. of Tokyo concerning his family near Hankow. Mr. Ma has cabled Mr. John Lee of the Shanghai Y.M.C.A. to obtain more details. He will leave for China immediately if the cable is confirmed.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. E. A. Leggart, superintendant of the Penang branch of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, and Mrs. Leggart will be leaving Penang in the near future. We hear that Mr. Leggart is being transferred to Hongkong, says the "Straits Echo."

It is reported that the Italian Ambassador to Switzerland will be appointed Ambassador in Tokio in succession to Mr. Martino, who is now at home on furlough, and that the latter will probably be transferred to the ambassadorship in Washington.

Capt. G. H. Pennefather of the "Kalgan" is making his last trip to Bangkok for the present, says the "Bangkok Times." He has been appointed master of the new steamer "Auhul," now approaching completion in Hongkong. She will trade between Hongkong and Singapore, but it is probable that Bangkok may be included in the voyage sometimes.

The death has occurred in Switzerland of Mr. F. W. Owen. Mr. Owen left Singapore only recently, being then in a serious state of ill-health with lung trouble, but it was hoped that he might recover under special treatment at an Alpine resort. He had been in the East a considerable time and was a popular member of the community, doing useful work on many committees of social institutions.

Miss Etile Landau, daughter of a South African millionaire and principal dancer during the run of "Leap Year" at the London Hippodrome, is engaged to Dr. G. G. King of Manchester-square, a Rhodes scholar and holder of a diploma in forestry. Dr. King first met his fiancée when she was a small girl in Johannesburg, and he saw her again recently in London. Miss Landau will leave the stage for good on her marriage early this year.

Mr. Harley Thomas, of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Singapore, has been compelled by reasons of health to sever his connection with this part of the world, with which he has been associated for the past 16 years or so. Mr. Harley Thomas, who returned to Singapore from Java some six months ago, is going to Wellington, New Zealand, where it is hoped, the change will prove beneficial.

Messrs. A. B. Moulder and Company send a useful office clock advertising the Bear brand of Swiss milk.

During 1924, 131,490 Chinese immigrants arrived at Singapore and 87,740 Chinese deck passengers left Singapore for China.

H. M. S. "Weymouth" with the relieved draft of the China Station on board, which is on its way from Hongkong to England, touched at Penang a fortnight ago.

Gen. Hsu Shi-heng ("Little" Hsu) has telegraphed to Peking, stating a telegram received locally, announcing that he has arrived in Geneva for the purpose of participating in the Opium Conference as China's delegate.

There was a slight delay in the Peak Tram service about eight-thirty this morning. On enquiry at the local offices the "China Mail" was informed that the delay was so slight that the cause of it had not been reported.

An accident occurred to Mr. A. F. Sanderson, of the Borneo Motors, at the corner of Mt. Elizabeth and Orchard Road, Singapore. Mr. Sanderson was coming down the thoroughfare towards town, when his motor cycle hit a culvert at this corner and the rider was precipitated into the ditch below. Inspector Nunn was on the scene immediately and conveyed Mr. Sanderson to the General Hospital, where he is still under treatment.

Mr. Suda, an expert of the Kobe Marine Observatory, is reported to have been experimenting in recording the preliminary vibrations of earthquakes, and to have discovered a new means of recording the tremor, quicker and more accurate than that at present used. If his invention will give sufficient time to get out of buildings before the earthquake comes, he will have accomplished something.

For the convenience of people arriving by boat at Kobe, the Customs officials contemplate establishing an office to the east of the American Hatoba where luggage may be kept and examined at leisure. So the "Asahi" reports. It is often very inconvenient to incoming passengers to wait around while their luggage is being examined. The "Asahi" thinks that the new system, combined with inspection on board ship, will be a great improvement.

On Thursday evening last, says yesterday's "Canton Gazette," a dance was held at the Canton Club Theatre by the English members of the Shamen community. About 300 persons were present and the hall presented a scene of great attractiveness, having been tastefully decorated with the St. George Emblem, the Red Cross on a white shield, forming the motif. A band orchestra from H.M.S. "Titan" in Hongkong discoursed excellent music, and the evening closed at three. It was, perhaps, the most enjoyable Ball that has yet been held in Shamen this season.

OPIUM TALK.

"NO PROSPECT OF LEAVING GENEVA."

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, January 29.

Yesterday at Geneva, the day was taken up in informal conferences, including several meetings between Lord Robert Cecil and Mr. Porter, at which, it is stated, a certain amount of progress was made. Lord Robert Cecil last night telegraphing an apology for inability to attend a banquet in his honour in London, remarked: "I see no prospect of ever leaving Geneva."

The "Morning Post" Washington correspondent speaks of a fluttering in the Senate irreconcilable devotee over the report by Mr. Porter that he had agreed to members of the Central Narcotic Control Board being appointed by the Council of the League. The irreconcilables intimate that they want to ascertain clearly how far the United States is thereby tied up with the League before they give consent.

BRITISH ATTITUDE.

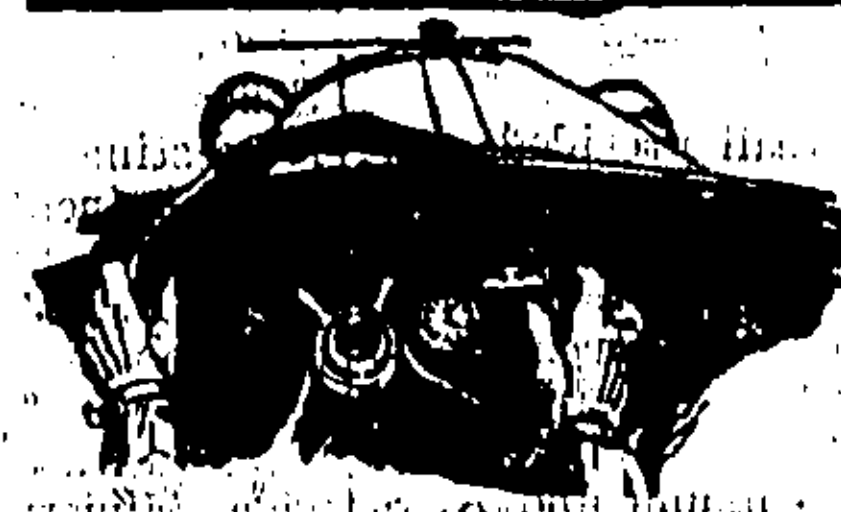
GENEVA, January 29.

Interviewed by Mr. Kop, a representative of the Anti-Opium Association of China, Lord Robert Cecil outlined the British attitude as voiced on the Opium Conference. He was of the opinion that it was useless attempting to legally forbid opium smoking by persons not at present addicts until the production of raw opium was effectively controlled. He was also of the opinion that it was impracticable to embody the labours of two conferences in one agreement.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THE DUNLOP RUBBER CO. (CHINA) LTD., hereby give notice of having removed their office to—

Hongkong Hotel Annex Building,
Second Floor.
(Entrance next door Hongkong Hotel—Des Voeux Road.)
Hongkong, 29th January, 1925.

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TO LET—Furnished from the end of May till the end of October, 7-roomed house at Magazine Gap (Wanchai Gap) 3 bed rooms, 3 modern bath rooms with modern sanitation. Big lawn in front of the house. Telephone Central 4730.

S/S "PAWNEE."

THE MASTER, OWNERS, and AGENTS of this steamer hereby give notice that they accept no responsibility for debts incurred by members of the crew.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1925.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY, 31st January, 1925, commencing at 11 a.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street (For account of the Concerned)

5 Bales Sulphite Pulp
50 Pieces White Shirting
100 Sets Sieves
6 Pieces Embroidery Linen
3 Bales Icing Glass
1 Case Thermos Flasks
350 Cases Soap
8 Cases Cups and Saucers
8 Cases Code Books
15 Rain Coats

And
A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
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THE Steamship "BENAVON"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th Jan. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 16th Feb., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th Jan., at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1925.

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COLUMBIA PACIFIC SHIPPING CO.

(Operating United States Government Ships)

From PORTLAND, ORE., JAPAN PORTS, etc.

THE Steamship

"WEST NIGER"

having arrived from above ports, CONSIGNEES are requested to present their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer.

All cargo not taken delivery from steamer by 28th January, 1925, will be landed into the hazardous and/or non-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., at consignees risk, whence delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe, (Marine Surveyors) at the Godown on 30th January, 1925, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer or Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after 1st February, 1925, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 8th February, 1925, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

ARNHOLD & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, January 27th, 1925.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE.

THE Motorship

"RHEINLAND"

having arrived Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD., whence, and/or from the Wharves, delivery can be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after February 3rd, 1925, will be subject to rent.

All claims must reach us by February 3rd, 1925, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas (Marine Surveyors) on February 2nd, 1925, at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ARNHOLD & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, January 27th, 1925.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

ISLAND.	Feet
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1784
Mountain Lodge	1798
The Byrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1808
Tai-koo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Altitude)	297
MAINLAND.	Feet
Tai-mo-shan	8194
Kowloon Peak	1972

LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL:
LAST OF THE INTERPORT
GAMES.

SHANGHAI WIN.

[By "Dutchie."]
The last game of the interport series with Shanghai was played yesterday. The weather was all against good football, the ground in places being under water. Neither team was at full strength. Some of the service players not turning up and Shanghai having to fall back on two local players owing to injuries. Phillips, their manager-captain, turned out in goal.

The teams were as follows:—
Shanghai: Phillips, Ewing and Turner; Lawrence, Gowan, and Wynne; Collico, Moosa, Goldman, Coulcher, and Evans.
United Services: Wavish, Grindle and Dood; Davenport, Waite and Bristow; Harris, Reid; Eaton, Butler, and Macklesworth.
Referee—Mr. Smith R. A.
Linesmen—Messrs. F. Smith and Arnold R. N.

Play in the first half was very even, although Shanghai had the better of exchanges at the outset, Goldman and Coulcher missing chances and Moosa and Evans spoiling some good chances by being offside.

Eaton tested Phillips and later he hit the upright with the goal-keeper unsighted. At half time there was no score.

Eaton opened the score for the Services after ten minutes' play in the second half. Shanghai attacked and Coulcher had a good opening but slipped and twisted his knee. He had to be carried off the field in great pain, and a doctor was sent for. Under the circumstances Shanghai played up well and Goldman did the "hat trick" beating Wavish three times in quick succession. It must be mentioned that Eaton was off the field whilst these goals were scored. Result—Shanghai 3, United Services 1.

ODD OBSERVATIONS.

[BY "OCULEUS."]

Yesterday's football match threatened to develop into a game of water polo, reminiscent of an "Our Day" match somewhere in Brak during the war when the writer, as referee, convoked the Resident of Perak through a few dozen lakes and pools to "kick off"—a ceremony he (the said Resident) would gladly have dispensed with.

There were sheets of water all over the ground at Happy Valley yesterday—enough to act as a wet blanket on both players and officials.

Whilst all the other arrangements were perfect, it was a pity that something could not have been done—at least it was not done—to mop up the water during one of the dry intervals during the day, and to spread some sand into the hollows. This, it is learned, was done on a former occasion here with happy results.

In any event, there is no use being wise after the event. The match is over, the visitors have won, and the United Services have to bemoan the fact that they could not enable Hongkong to perform the "hat trick" by winning all three matches against Shanghai.

The visitors yesterday deserved to win. They adapted themselves right from the start to the wet and sodden ground—and kept it up to the very end.

Neither team, it was evident, enjoyed the game. There was too much water for that, and each and every player had to observe caution in negotiating the pools lest he might stumble headlong into them. This factor certainly militated against football.

For the second match in succession the offside bogey asserted itself. There were no fewer than eighteen free kicks for offside. Each side was guilty. Shanghai got five free kicks in the second half, and all were for offside, whilst four out of five free kicks given to the Services in the second half were awarded for the same offence.

For the reasons given above, and in view of the fact that a report of the actual game appears above, there seems little call for anything in the way of "observations." In fact the overcast weather and the early darkness (or semi-darkness) almost threatened all "observations" to be eclipsed.

The Shanghai players were up against a goalkeeper yesterday and time and again they appeared to be on the verge of scoring when they were blocked by the custodian.

It was a coincidence that for the third match in succession not a single goal was scored in the first half.

When eventually the Services got one in, it seemed as if they would romp home the easiest of winners.

When Coulcher, of Shanghai, was unfortunately laid hors de combat and carried off the field, it seemed a thousand to one against Shanghai. But Eaton, who previously had been executed by a certain section of the spectators for alleged selfish play, redeemed his good name and showed himself to be a fine sport, by quitting the field of play likewise and bustling round looking for a doctor. The action was splendid, and added considerably to the sporting reputation of Hongkong.

For a while the Services seemed to have the measure of the visitors, but they took matters too easy, apparently imagining that they could rest on their laurels.

They were eventually undecisive, and that, in no uncertain measure. The worm turned! The Shanghai forwards broke away and before the game finished they had scored three times, and that in spite of splendid goal-keeping. Goldman did the hat trick, and he deserves a special paragraph to himself and a place in the Shanghai interport team as long as he plays football—and scores goals.

The interport matches cannot be departed from without a word of commendation to Secretary Hollands, who accomplished a tremendous amount of work during the week, all his arrangements being perfect, whilst his assistants all worked in unison to achieve a signal success in this important respect.

An analysis of the game is appended, from which readers can draw their own conclusions as to the merits of the respective teams:—

FIRST HALF.		U. Services Shanghai.	
Goal kicks	12	5	
Throws in	7	13	
Free kicks	12	3	
Corner kicks	1	6	
Goals	0	0	
SECOND HALF.		U. Services Shanghai.	
Goal kicks	12	5	
Throws in	14	15	
Free kicks	5	5	
Corner kicks	2	5	
Goals	1	3	

INTERPORT DINNER.

GROWTH OF THE GAME.

'Twas "footballers' evening" at the Hongkong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday, the occasion being a dinner given in honour of the visiting football team from Shanghai. The teams which had represented Hongkong, Shanghai, the Services and the Chinese were present, also other guests.

Most happy was the speech of Mr. J. McCubbin (Vice-President of the Hongkong Football Association) who presided, which preceded a programme of appropriate and well-rendered songs. Mr. McCubbin was supported by Mr. A. S. Phillips and Mr. J. McKelvie (the respective Captains of the Shanghai and Hongkong teams).

The growth of the game in the Colony was referred to by the Chairman in proposing the health of the Shanghai team. When he had arrived twenty years ago the football was of a very ordinary character, and the Chinese had not interested themselves in the game. They had only to bear in mind the crowd attending Monday's match to realise the progress that the game had made among the Chinese in the Colony. Congratulating both teams in conclusion on the sportsmanlike way in which they had played the game, the Chairman said that when Hongkong sent a team to Shanghai next year they would endeavour, whether they won or lost, to accept the verdict in as graceful a manner as Shanghai had done.

Mr. Phillips, the Captain of the Shanghai team, was loudly applauded on rising to speak. He thanked the Chairman for his very kind remarks concerning Shanghai's glorious losing game. While he did not wish to offer any excuses for their defeat, he could not help saying that the Shanghai men were lacking in team work. They had had some very enjoyable and sporting games, and he wished to thank all who had contributed to entertaining them. The referees were exceptionally good, and he only wished they had some of the same stamp in Shanghai. They gave a very unbiased interpretation of the games, and he thanked them for it. Mr. Phillips also expressed his indebtedness to members of the Hongkong Association, and especially to Mr. W. E. Hollands, the very capable Secretary, for all they had done to make their stay in the Colony so enjoyable. (Applause.)

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TO-MORROW'S FIXTURES.

The games to be played to-morrow are as follows:—

LEAGUE DIVISION I.
Club v. R.A.—Chinese Ground.
Kowloon v. China "A"—Kowloon Ground.
Tamar v. Police—Navy "A" Ground.

Surreys v. China "B"—Sookumpoo Ground.
Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.
LEAGUE DIVISION II.
Club v. China "A"—Club Ground.
Kowloon v. St. Joseph's "B"—Kowloon Ground.
Recreio "A" v. Sacred Heart—Navy "A" Ground.
University v. Drums—St. Joseph's Ground.

SHIELD COMPETITION.
JUNIOR SECTION.
Surreys Reserves v. St. Joseph's.
Sookumpoo Ground.
Kick off at 2.30 p.m.

NOTES ON THE GAMES.
The First Division fixtures have been brought forward a week. It was originally arranged to play the Lat Wah Cup Semi-final between the Navy and Army to-morrow, but both these have withdrawn from the competition.

Neither the Club nor the R. A. will be at full strength for their game, and the result seems very open. Surreys should have no difficulty in improving their position in the League.

China "A" will go to Kowloon. They will be without Leung Yuk-tong, Wong Pak-chung and Chan So, but they are expected to win. Kowloon will be without McKelvie.

The Tamar—Police game should end in a win for the latter. The Surreys Res. should manage to enter the second round of the Shield at the expense of St. Joseph's although the latter are a good team.

In the Second Division League games, China "A", Kowloon, Recreio "A" and Drums should all win.

At the Interport game on Monday a Ladies' gold wristwatch was picked up on the ground. Owner can have same on application to the Association Secretary at P. O. Box 233.

SOME OF THE TEAMS.

FIRST DIVISION.

KOWLOON v. SOUTH CHINA.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club in their First Division League fixture versus the South China "A" on Kowloon ground, to-morrow (Kick-off, 4 p.m. sharp):—A. Duncan; F. Wheeler, and F. Reid; A. W. Turner, C. Caveille, and B. Pascoe; F. Clemo, A. Latham, J. McBride, S. Randle, and S. G. Hayes. Reserve: B. Vickers.

SECOND DIVISION.

H. F. C. v. SURREY.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club Reserves in the Second Division League fixture with the Surreys on the Club ground at 2.30 p.m. sharp on Saturday:—D. Purves, D. Lyon (Captain), H. Buxton, E. Raiton, S. O. Hill, G. Punccheon, B. Bell, T. Roberts, A. Ferguson, J. Douglas, and J. Dixon. Reserve: F. Angus.

KOWLOON v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in their Second League match to-morrow, v. St. Joseph's "B" on the Kowloon ground (Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.):—C. Stewart; W. H. Brown and W. Parrott; A. W. Brown (Capt), C. Caveille and S. Randle; C. Morris, A. Latham, C. Millard, A. Fitzgerald and V. Hart. Reserves: A. Spary and B. Rasmussen.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TO-MORROW'S MATCH.

A match will be played at Happy Valley to-morrow (Saturday) between two teams comprised of Club members. With the advent of rain, enthusiasm of playing members has revived, and it is expected that two useful fifteens will turn out. In view of the fact that the Club meet the Navy on February 7 in the first of the Cup matches, the selection committee should find to-morrow's match helpful in choosing a Club XV.

Teams will be as follows:—
Colours:—Prowse; Easterbrook, Stewart, Banner, Burns, Cox and Summers; Forsyth, Focken, Beveridge, Garrod, Lyon, Davies, Russell, and Johnson.
Whites:—Gauler, Skinner, Foster, O'Neill, Summerfield, Milne, and Morrison; Jordan, Cleland, Burns, Moncrieff, MacIntosh, Jones, Murphy and K. Robertson.
Kick-off, 4.30 p.m.

EAST AND WEST.

MISSIONARIES GIVE AN
OPINION.

RACE PREJUDICE DISCUSSED.
(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, January 29. The Rev. Stanley Jones, addressing a missionary conference on the self-determination of native churches in non-Christian lands, said that the workers in India were not trying to make the East a pale imitation of the West but offering Christ for the East to interpret for himself. He said that Gandhi once told him that if missionaries came to India "as Christ came to the world," they would be irresistible.

Mr. J. H. Oldham (London) pleaded for the elimination of race prejudice.

Other speakers included the Rev. McLaurin (India) and the Rev. Harburt (Africa).

TROTSKY OUT.

DISMISSED FROM POST IN
ARMY AND NAVY.

(Reuter's Service.)
MOSCOW, January 29. The Soviet Central Executive has issued a decree dismissing Trotsky from his post as Commissar of the Army and Navy and appointing M. Frunse as his successor.

WHO IS FRUNSE?

MOSCOW, LATVIA. Michael Frunse, who has been appointed to succeed Trotsky, is the son of a Moldavian peasant. He participated in the Moscow insurrection. He was prosecuted during the Tsarist regime five times, being twice condemned to death and finally sentenced to ten years' exile in Siberia, whence he escaped. He organised the revolutionary "cells" in the Tsarist Army in 1915 and later commanded the armies against Kolchak and Wrangel.

JAPAN'S POLICIES.

CRITICISED BY BUSINESS
MEN.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)
Tokyo, January 29. Business interests severely criticised the Government's financial and economic policies in the Diet.

In the Upper House, Mr. Raita Fujiyama, Chairman of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, in the course of an impressive speech, while appreciating the Government's present efforts at readjustment, demanded that it should go further in order to stave off the impending serious economic crisis. He urged a small budget by the drastic curtailment of military expenditure, in connection with which he declared that the only war scare facing Japan was economic. He recommended a thorough revision of the Customs tariff, which had not been changed since 1908, and was incompatible with the economic conditions, and also the abolition of the import duty on foodstuffs.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Saji Muto, president of the Kanegafuchi Spinning Co., criticised the luxury tax, and he urged the removal of the gold embargo.

OPPIUM CAMPAIGN.
OBJECTIONS, SO AMNESTY
FOR OFFENDERS.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)

PEKING, January 29. The International Anti-Opium Association, to-day, forwarded a petition from the Shanghai Association, of which Yen Hsi shan is president, praying that the special amnesty mandate will not be allowed to apply to criminals convicted of opium and morphia smuggling.

The petition points out that the Shansi Provincial Assembly on three occasions discussed the advisability of imposing capital punishment upon such offenders, and considers that if drug smugglers are pardoned such action would not only encourage smugglers but would discourage the anti-opium workers.

CRICKET.

Teams for to-morrow.

K. C. C. v. I. R. C.

For the League game at 2 p.m. sharp, on the Kowloon C.C. ground, to-morrow the following team has been selected:—
H. Overy, F. Goodwin, J. C. Lyle, A. W. Ramsay, S. Jor, R. C. W. Mitchell, K. R. Macaskill, J. C. Fletcher, A. R. F. Raven, Geo. Lee and E. Jordan.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

Dinner to-morrow Evening.

The Married versus Singles dinner of the Craigenower Cricket Club will take place to-morrow evening.

After the dinner a practice will probably be held for the Bachelors' Dance on February 6.

FIRE ESCAPES.

JURY'S RIDER AT THE
INQUIRY.

ENDORSED BY BRIGADE'S CHIEF.

The adjourned enquiry into the disastrous fire at Woosung Street, Yaumatei, on January 4, involving the loss of nine lives, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Describing the fire and the finding of the bodies, Mr. George Saunders, Officer in Charge of the Kowloon Fire Brigade, stated that the Brigade had two appliances at work ten minutes after the outbreak was reported at 4.50 a.m., and by 8 a.m. the fire was well in hand. So powerful was the blaze that, spite of the efforts of the Brigade, the whole of No. 61 was completely gutted, and the three upper floors of Nos. 57 and 59 and the two upper floors of No. 55 were burned out. The inmates who perished were evidently trapped between the fire and the staircase. Two dead bodies were found on the first floor verandah of No. 61, the remains of six other persons were found huddled together in the upper kitchen, and a further body on the same floor.

Mr. Saunders was of the opinion that wooden staircases were of no use in the event of a fire with the overcrowding going on by the subletting of a floor to so many families, and he thought that the staircases should be made of concrete, stone or iron. Fire escape ladders in the rear as well as in front of buildings would also be advisable.

Evidence was also given by a Chinese witness and a P.W.D. official.

At the close of the enquiry, Mr. Hamilton said that the enquiry was held as much for the purpose of finding out the facts of the calamity for the benefit of the public as for anything else.

After brief consultation, the jury returned a verdict that the victims had met their death by asphyxia caused through misadventure, and added a rider to the effect that in their opinion there should be fire escapes provided in the rear as well as in front of buildings, and that if that had been so in this case several lives would have been saved.

Mr. Hamilton promised to forward the rider to the proper quarter.

DEARER BREAD.

FLOUR SHORTAGE AFFECTS
LOCAL BAKERIES.

TWO CENTS INCREASE.

A world scarcity of wheat, combined with increasing orders from nations who have hitherto been consumers of rice alone in a large quantity, has led to a sudden rise in the cost of flour. As this has been steadily rising for some months, bakeries have had to raise the price of all kinds of bread.

Hongkong is as much affected by the increase in price as other places, and the following letter has been sent to customers by the management of the Café Wiseman.

"It is with regret that we have to inform you that after careful consideration we find ourselves compelled, owing to the enormous increase in the cost of flour, to raise the price of all kinds of bread by two cents per lb. from February 1st."

"We trust that you will realise the reluctance with which we take this step, and would point out that this increase in the price of bread is not at all in proportion to the increase in the cost of flour. Owing to the world shortage of wheat, the price of flour has increased over 50 per cent. during the last few months. Under these circumstances we feel sure you will appreciate our position and realise the justification for this increase in our prices."

POSITION IN CHINA.

SHANGHAI ARSENAL NOW
EVACUATED.

(By Courtesy of Daily Bulletin.)
Shanghai, January 29. Sun Chuan-fang's men this morning evacuated the arsenal, which was occupied by the Fengtien forces, who also hold the Woosung forts.

There were isolated cases of resistance when the Fengtien troops disarmed those of Chi Hsieh-yuan's troops who were repatriated.

The "Cabinet," this morning, resolved to appoint Chang Tsung-jen Tapan of the Hsuechow Port, Hsueh Yuan-han Tapan of Kiangling Port Administration, and Wang Chi-kang Tacyin of Shanghai, vice Liu Chien.

NO FUNNEL!

QUEER-LOOKING EMPRESS
SHIP IN HARBOUR.

HONGKONG'S SUPREMACY.

People with imaginative minds who have conjured up certain theories in connection with the "Empress of Australia" being alongside the Naval Camber and who may have associated Malini with the disappearance of one of the giant's three funnels, will be disappointed.

That funnel has been removed with a motive, but not transformation into an Admiral's yacht or, for that matter, as acting flagship during the "Hawkins" visit to Singapore.

Nothing more than the annual routine overhaul is being carried out. It is because Vancouver does not possess docks capable of undertaking the job that these Pacific liners are "done up" in Hongkong.

In an interview courteously given to the "China Mail" this morning, Mr. Allan Cameron, Oriental Manager for the Canadian Pacific Co., mentioned that since the commencement of the company's services on this run, all the annual overhauls have been done at this port because the Dock Company carried the necessary equipment required and the dock personnel possessed the experience. Accordingly, the better and more economical work turned out proved advantageous to the company. Mr. Cameron also remarked that on the North American Pacific coast, if one of the Empress boats had to go into dry-dock, it could only be accommodated at Seattle.

It was the company's desire, said Mr. Cameron, to maintain a first-class fleet. To do this their ships had always to be in first-class condition—hence the annual inspection and overhaul were necessary.

Because of the "Australia" size, the only derrier in Hongkong harbour that could reach high enough and was sufficiently powerful to haul up certain parts on the far side of the ship, was the one at the Royal Naval Yard. Thanks to the courtesy of the Naval authorities, permission had been given to use the big derrier.

The funnel had been taken out and placed on one side, so that a particular part of the engine-room which the experts wanted to examine could be opened up for inspection. "Of course," Mr. Cameron pointed out with a smile, "this does not mean that the Naval Yard is competing against the civil establishments."

About a year ago, there were three Empress liners in Hongkong at the same time, each being done up, in turn. Mr. Cameron could not recall the exact date but this is not the first time that an Empress ship has availed itself of the Naval Yard derrier. The "Australia" will leave the Camber as soon as that part of the work requiring the derrier is completed.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Ranella, (Br.) A. P. C. from Shanghai.
Kwaiyang, (Br.) B. & S. from Singapore, Swatow.
Yu Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co. from Canton.
Kanchow, (Br.) B. & S. from Shanghai, Swatow.
Kwong Sang, (Br.) J. M. & Co. from Tsingtau, Swatow.
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Pt. Lincoln, (Am.) P.M.S.S. Co., from Manila.
Kishu Maru, (Jap.) B.S.K., from Keelung.
Taka Maru, (Jap.) Sato & Co., from Saigon.
Sungshan Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K., from Shanghai, Swatow.
Maji Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K., from Yokohama, Moji.

DEPARTURES.

Morioka Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. for Bombay, Singapore.
Tak Hing, (Chinese) Fook Hai, for Antau.
Sungshan Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. for Canton.
Kishu Maru, (Jap.) Y. K. K. for Hongay.
Shan Tung, (Br.) B. & S. for Shanghai, Swatow.
Tung Shing, (Br.) J. M. & Co. for Canton.
Sungshan Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. for Canton.
Tak Hing, (Chi) Fook Hai, for Antau.
Morioka Maru, (Jap.) N. Y. K. for Bombay, Singapore.
Pembrokehire, (Br.) J. M. & Co. for Yokohama, Shanghai.

Nissei Maru, (Jap.) Sato & Co. for Bangkok.
West Hmrod, (Amer.) A. O. Line, for Manila.
Hai Ning, (Br.) Douglas, for Foochow, Swatow.

From the pages of one of America's most famous novel will step what is hailed as a classic of the screen, when "Fools' Highway," featuring Mary Philbin, opens its engagement at the Queen's Theatre to-day. It is the adaptation of "My Mamie Rose," Owen Kildare's famous story of the old Bowery, actually the author's own life. Played by a great cast of notable players in a spectacular setting that reproduces in every detail the famous old street, the new picture is held one of the masterpieces of the year for its faithful portrayal of life and gripping drama interest.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Vaudeville and Film.

The Manila Vaudeville Company are extending their engagement here for a further two weeks and will give entire changes of programme each week on Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

AMUSEMENTS.

SIR HARRY LAUDER.

COMING TO THEATRE ROYAL
NEXT MONTH.

Mr. Stewart Garner, representative of Mr. E. J. Carroll, who is directing the world tour for Sir Harry Lauder, the king of Scottish comedy, arrived in Hongkong from Singapore by the steamer "Ho Sang."

Mr. Garner is making the necessary arrangements for the appearance of Sir Harry Lauder at the Theatre Royal, where he will open a short season on February 12.

"HORS D'OEUVRES."

ENTERTAINMENT AT THEATRE ROYAL.

The Madeline Rossiter Company furnished an enthusiastic audience with "Hors d'Oeuvres" at the Theatre Royal last night, and still enhanced their reputation as entertainers. The programme throughout was punctuated with applause and laughter.

Lena Lawton gave a delightful song entitled "Grandma's Crinoline," and showed herself to be just as happy in tripping and dancing. Elsie May—the nightingale of the Company—earned applause for her dainty songs and in her acting as "Daughter."

Don Gemmel proved himself a master of eccentric dances. Billy Trade and Midge Abardure contributed items in singing and dancing of a pleasing variety. Charles Mason, a comedian, brought the house down every time he showed his face. Of Madeline Rossiter the least that can be said is that she has the gift of being sentimental and ludicrous in the course of the same evening. In the burlesque "The Nigger Minstrels," Miss Rossiter's make-up and seemingly funny antics sent the audience into fits of laughter. Taken altogether, the Company has provided local theatre-goers with some delightful evenings, and many who went to see them once could not resist the temptation to do so again.

The Company will close their season to-night with "Mixed Grill."

"A WOMAN OF PARIS"

Charlie Chaplin's Film at The Coronet.

A great deal of interest is bound to be shown in the presentation at the Coronet to-night of the first serious film made by Charles Chaplin, the film comedian. It is bound to attract notice because of its creator, and now that it has come to the Coronet the work itself will demand attention.

It may be said without exaggeration that Charlie Chaplin has achieved something of film wonder by giving the world a story which is "conventional enough in itself, but remarkable in that it deals with characters who are all natural human beings. They are neither wholly bad nor wholly good. They are just ordinary people with a certain amount of both in their compositions."

In this way the heroine in "A Woman of Paris" is often the villain, whilst the villain is a most attractive and lovable person. The inevitable suffering mother is not always a saint; the hero is weak and a prig; the female confidantes of the heroine are the most natural of all. They are so decidedly sympathetic and so decidedly "catty." These characters, created by Charlie Chaplin, who is both author and producer of the film, make the whole story live, and give the feeling as seldom obtained at the cinema that the play has really held the mirror up to nature.

There is sure to be curiosity on the part of the Hongkong public to see this picture, which, as already mentioned, will be screened for the first time at the Coronet to-day.

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MURDERER TRAPPED.



PROKURST-ANGERSTEN & VICTIMS.

A photograph of his image in the eye of one of his victims led to the arrest of Prokurst Angersten, Germany's latest arch-murderer. He is alleged to have killed four men and four women, among them (at left, above) Ella Barth, his sister-in-law; (at right, above) his wife; (at left, below) Ella Stell employed as a domestic by Angersten, and Mrs. Barth, his mother-in-law (at right, below). The method used by the police has been attested to by medical experts.

Planes Useless.



REAR-ADMIRAL MOFFETT

Of the 840 planes of all types in possession of the United States Navy, only 244 can be used effectively in the event of war. Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, told the Special Aircraft Investigating Committee of the House.

VISITS THE HOUSE OF LORDS.



EARL & COUNTESS OF GALLOWAY.

Among those who were part of the brilliant throng which viewed the opening of Parliament in London were the Earl and Countess of Galloway. This was the first visit of the Countess to the House of Lords.

Misfortune.



MME. CALLIES

Madame Charlotte Callies, formerly prima donna of the Royal Opera at Wiesbaden, Germany, whose glorious voice once thrilled thousands, has been found in a little furnished room. An attack of neuritis which struck her down prevented an engagement. Despondent, ill alone, she swallowed poison in a hotel, she said, but recovered, except from the torturing neuritis, which has kept her in hospitals and exhausted her funds.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Above: COL. GEORGE HARVEY & JANET VELIE. Below: GEORGE D. SHAW & PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

"Diplomatic episodes of the past few weeks have given rise to painful doubts of the sincerity of France in her dealings with the United States," Colonel George Harvey, formerly American Ambassador to Great Britain, declared in a signed article in a Washington newspaper. France considers all her debts political, not financial and has not the remotest intention of paying them, Harvey declared. Positive, after a year of married life, that she has "the right man," Janet Velie, musical comedy star, announced her first wedding anniversary on Christmas night to friends. The marriage had been kept secret. Charles Hawk, advertising man and attorney, is the bridegroom. Emphatic nationalism threatens the world with war and yet, more war, George Bernard Shaw is convinced. He sees the return of "brute force" in settlement of world affairs. President Calvin Coolidge continues to fight plans for an extra session of Congress but that body faces a herculean task if it is to finish the Administration's programme before the expiration of its term on March 4. An alarming jam has developed in the Senate and the President may yet find it necessary to call an extra session.



R. G. PAGE, INTL.

R. G. Page, air mail pilot, found the body of Charles Gilbert, his "buddy" in the service after a search begun when Gilbert failed to report at Omaha. Gilbert's plane crashed near Kanawville and the pilot was killed. Page retrieved the mail from the wrecked plane, clasped the lifeless hand of Gilbert and then continued on the latter's route cross-country.

FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



Above: PEARL WHITE & GREGORY ZINOVIEV. Below: EARL WHITE & GREGORY ZINOVIEV.

Pearl White, "movie" actress, who has braved a thousand deaths in film thrillers, is reported to be critically ill in Paris, where she was stricken suddenly with appendicitis. A wave of feeling against Gregory Zinoviev, President of the Executive Council of the Communist International, has been reported from Leningrad following his capture by a mob in a notorious resort. Dispatches stated Zinoviev's wife led the mob after she had learned her husband was in the resort with two companions and that the Soviet leader was badly beaten. Vicente Blasco Ibañez, noted Spanish author and recipient of many challenges to duels as a result of his attacks upon those in power in Spain, has announced his readiness to meet King Alfonso and General Primo de Rivera, head of the directory, in combat. Virtually an exile, he is staying at Mentone, France. Judge J. W. Thompson, of Philadelphia, has ruled that the Prohibition Commission, Mr. Roy Haynes, is not vested with absolute power to grant or refuse at will permits for the manufacture of cereal beverages and that manufacturers of non-alcoholic drinks are entitled to obtain a permit so long as they obey the law. Haynes had refused a permit to a Philadelphia brewing company, which brought suit against him.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



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Tuesday, FEBRUARY 3.
Manila, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 15th Feb. Parole 5 p.m. 4th Feb. Registration 8 a.m. Letters 8 30 a.m.
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Thursday, FEBRUARY 5.
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January 30d. 12h. 00m.—Pressure has increased considerably over China and decreased considerably over central Japan. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines. The anticyclone has strengthened considerably and spread southward.

The Loochoos depression has deepened and moved to the south of Tokio. Strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., to-day, 1.03 inch. Total since January 1st, 4.33 inches, against an average of 1.35 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 31, 1925.
1.—Formosa Channel, N. winds, strong; fine.
2.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, N. winds, strong; fine.
3.—Hongkong to Gap Rock, N. winds, strong; fine.
4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, N. winds, strong; fine.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

JANUARY 30, 1925.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.
Victoria Peak	6 a.	30.18	81	—	NW	4
Victoria	6 a.	29.86	—	—	SW	1
Hakodate	6 a.	29.84	—	—	NW	1
Kobe	6 a.	29.74	—	—	NW	1
Koshi	6 a.	29.65	—	—	N	0
Yokohama	6 a.	29.66	—	—	N	3
Kanagawa	6 a.	29.76	—	—	N	3
Yokohama	6 a.	29.80	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	29.84	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	29.88	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	29.92	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	29.96	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.00	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.04	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.08	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.12	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.16	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.20	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.24	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.28	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.32	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.36	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.40	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.44	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.48	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.52	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	30.56	—	—	N	4
Yokohama	6 a.	31.00	—	—	N	4

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